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Guidance Policy Revised

By STEVE BRINKER

Students are no longer required to have their counselors' signature on class schedules. This was the decision reached during a recent meeting of the faculty of Saint Joseph's College.

The reasons for this change in policy were learned during recent Stuff interviews with Father Charles Robbins, registrar, and Mr. Thomas Ryan, head of the guidance department.

According to Fr. Robbins, it was felt that it is primarily the responsibility of the student to see to it that he has fulfilled all of his requirements. Fr. Robbins also felt that in many instances the schedules were signed by counselors in a hurried manner so that the students were not able to be adequately advised. He also emphasized that counseling is a "service" rendered by the school, and is not to be forced on any student.

Mr. Ryan re-emphasized this last statement of Fr. Robbins by pointing out that the policy of the guidance department is to "urge and encourage" students to seek help when necessary, but never force them to do so. He said that there were many abuses with the

old policy, especially with students signing their own schedules.

One of the major complaints of students is that their counselors are never available, or that they don't have a counselor. Mr. Ryan stated that every student on campus this year has either chosen or been assigned a counselor in his field of interest. He also emphasized that each of these men is more than eager to help a student "if the student is willing to wait a few minutes or make an appointment."

He also emphasized that if

a student is unable to see his assigned advisor, that his office is always open and any student is free to see him at almost any time the student desires, if he has notified Mr. Ryan in advance.

Both Fr. Robbins and Mr. Ryan agreed that although it is no longer necessary for students to consult their counselors. It would be foolish for any student not to take advantage of this service which is always available.

Tradition In The Making; Midnight Mass For Peace

As the year moves to its appropriate end, the foundations for a new tradition have been set here on the Saint Joe campus. Father Leonard Kostka has announced that there will be a community Midnight Mass for Peace this Thursday, December 15. Plans have also been made for a light breakfast of coffee and rolls in the Chapel Cafeteria after the Mass.

In an attempt to bring the Christmas spirit to fruition here

at Saint Joseph's, a group of students approached Father Kostka, the campus Spiritual Director, asking about the possibilities of celebrating a Midnight Mass here on campus. Father contacted the Bishop to obtain the necessary permission and after it had been granted, the plans for the first Saint Joe Midnight Mass at Christmas began to take shape. Letters have been sent to the faculty and their families inviting them to take part in this community event. Traditional carols will be sung in conjunction with the Mass at the faculty-student "breakfast." Father Kostka expressed the opinion of most of the faculty members when he said that he hoped this would be another step in the increasing efforts to promote a true community spirit here on the Saint Joe campus.

BULLETIN

As stated in the college catalog classes resume at noon on Wednesday, January 4.

The next issue of Stuff after the Christmas holidays will be on January 12.

The Stuff staff wishes to extend to all the faculty and students of Saint Joseph's their wish for a joyful Christmas season and a most productive New Year.

Registrar Clarifies Draft Policy Concerning All Full-Time Students

While twelve credit hours may be satisfactory for the requirements of a full-time student at Saint Joseph's College, it may not be satisfactory for the requirements of your local draft board. Such was the gist of a statement recently released from the Office of the Registrar. The statement as quoted by Father Robbins is as follows:

"While a minimum full-time program is twelve hours a semester, many of the draft boards will expect a student to be making normal progress toward his degree

each year. They will interpret this to mean that over the course of each semester the student will carry one-eighth of his hours, so that in the course of eight semesters, he will have completed his hours for graduation. Students, therefore, who are carrying the minimum of twelve hours for each semester may find themselves in trouble with the local board at the end of the semester. This, perhaps, would not affect graduating seniors, but there is no guarantee that it would not affect them also."



Christmas trees, cellulose snow, another rock band, and the warm glow of Christmas cheer, all combined in a Christmas dance where everyone had a swell time.

Fashioning Of A "Church-Man" Is Goal Of Theology Department

Throughout the country the criticism in Catholic colleges and universities of the department of theology is quickly approaching a disturbing level. Charges have been made that the theology department is the weakest department in most Catholic colleges and the courses offered are pitifully outdated. Saint Joseph's College is justifiably proud of its theology department and in an effort to bring into focus the true purpose of the theology department and its relation to the entire life of the student at Saint Joseph's, the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors invited Fr. Aloysius O'Dell, associate professor of theology, to lead an informal faculty symposium on this very topic last Friday at their December meeting.

"In order to understand the purpose of the theology department we must first of all have a firm grip of the nature of theology and the nature of the campus atmosphere," Father O'Dell began. "Theology is the attempt with some concerted effort to gain a reflective understanding of what has been heard and accepted as the word of God. For theology, the word of God is mediated by the Church and as a result, the study of theology implies a love and understanding of and a docility to the Church.

"The real problem lies in that phrase 'heard and accepted.' This hearing, this ac-

ceptance is a personal religious act which has not taken place in most of our students, at least in the depth that they would desire to hear more clearly and accept more deeply. We are caught in the dilemma of trying to give a reflective understanding of something never heard or accepted in the first place.

"The aim of the department is to fashion a true 'church-man.' By 'church-man' I mean one who is truly present before God and in the world related to both God and the world Christologically and incarnationally. Man must be the incarnation of God's love in the world; men must be other Christs exemplifying Christ in their day-to-day lives. It is in this area that every department of study in the college can contribute to the efforts of the theology department by making man more truly human. Through human love and through human wisdom, God's love and wisdom get into the world.

"As man's presence in the world grows and the effects of his presence on the world become felt, so does his response to God grow and God's effect on man become felt and fruitful. Because man's relationship to God is seen in a changing and developing world, the Church must also change and develop to constantly be able to help men see that when they are better doctors or better barbers that they are able to be closer to God, to be more holy."



Trying desperately to overcome a sound system bent on the destruction of their sound, the Bitter End Singers performed with vitality and nearly made up for their mediocrity of voice with a good amount of contagious enthusiasm.

The Light of the World



Open Letter to the Student Body:

Student Apathy

The "House of Noise," the "Castle of Chaos," the Valpo rivalry, the Hate State campaign, the movement to finish Halleck Center, the "picturesque" holes on campus: all of these have ceased to be a symbol of pride or complaint for the students of Saint Joe. When we entered Saint Joe our freshman year these were the points that students dwelled upon. There were very few among us at that time who thought that the only reason they attended Saint Joe was to study. However, today there are few among us who feel the burden of other obligations besides study. It is really a shame and a black mark on the student body that the word "apathetic" has become appropriate to the majority of the students on this campus.

As members of the Student Council this year we have tried to give the students something that they could be proud of, something that would help to keep a few of the "suit-casers" on campus. At the beginning of this year we were very confident that we had accomplished this through our concert series and social calendar. Other sources of our confidence were: an exciting football team, an All-Catholic All-American basketball star, and a group of class officers with new, unusual and exciting ideas. Apparently, however, we have failed.

Pep rallies during the football season attracted about 10 percent of our student body. Your athletic chairman, certain student council members and a few other interested students went to great lengths to get the students out of their dorms for a half hour pep rally but obviously the vast majority of the students were too engrossed in "bullsessions" or too swamped with work.

Wednesday, December 7th we sponsored a mixer for juniors and seniors in Chicago with Xavier College. In order to attract more students we charged \$3.00 per person and offered an unlimited amount of free beer. Still we could not get enough students to make the affair worthwhile.

Your Student Council has failed to provide you with sufficient entertainment, we have failed to provide you with some abstract spark to get you moving. Perhaps it is the apathy of the Student Council towards student affairs that has brought this about. If there were some relief in sight for the second semester we would still hope for success but time and again we have seen our concert attendance drop, our dances falter, our student trips backfire and our most ambitious efforts meet with opposition. We will continue to work in your behalf, but for the reasons stated above we have no hope for success in the second semester. It is a great sorrow for us to see the most spirited student body in the country turned into the most apathetic student body in the country. State university students envy us for many of the things we have; obviously they are not good enough for the men of Saint Joe. HERMAN ROTTINGHAUSE, MIKE LUNKES

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People Of America Must Unite Now To Keep Communism Out of Christmas

By TOM REID

People of America, unite. Leave us cleanse this country of the scourge that blots the most joyous of holidays, Christmas. I don't refer to the commercialism, because that is profitable and therefore American, but rather to that evil menace of the skies, Santa Claus. SANTA CLAUS IS A COMMUNIST SPY.

The very name Nicholas, not to mention the red of his suit, reeks with the scent of Russia. Fellow Americans, you must see that while this little fat man is ostensibly flying about giving out gifts, his true motive is to take aerial photographs of our missile bases. The very elves we hold so dearly are in fact Communist henchmen busily at work within the walls of the Kremlin planning our complete destruction.

You may say that this is a ridiculous smear, that Santa Claus really does bear gifts to our youth. Certainly he does but can you not also see that this too is a part of the overpowering plot? The bearded devil is attacking America from

within to make an overthrow much easier. To the little boys he gives toys with toxic paint and sharp edges in order to poison or maim and hence render them useless. To the little girls the attack is more long range but just as deadly. To them the portly fiend gives dolls that are so realistic that by the time a girl is nine she is so tired of motherhood she will change her natural goals and go

seek a career. Within 50 years the country will die out and takeover will be a simple task.

The conclusion we must reach is that now is the time to act. Citizens, we must stamp out the Russian cur now and substitute him with someone far more American. Therefore I implore you to begin a national campaign, immediately, to replace Santa Claus with Uncle Sam or we will perish.

Letters To The Editors

Dear Sirs:

I must admit that I was glad to see that someone on this campus was thoughtful enough to attempt to bring something of the Christmas spirit to Collegeville this year. As meager an attempt as it may have been, the Christmas tree which was decorated outside of East Seifert does give one the impression that someone is conscious of the approaching Christmas season. It seems that even the weatherman has tried to take away all vestiges of Christmas cheer from

our remote corner of the world, but the men of the Student Council and campus station WOWI have not.

Thanks to the funds supplied by our Student Council and WOWI and the work of Bill Wagner, the evergreen in front of Seifert was almost magically transformed into "The Saint Joe Christmas Tree." It would have been nice if someone would have taken the hint and helped give our campus the look of something other than desolation.

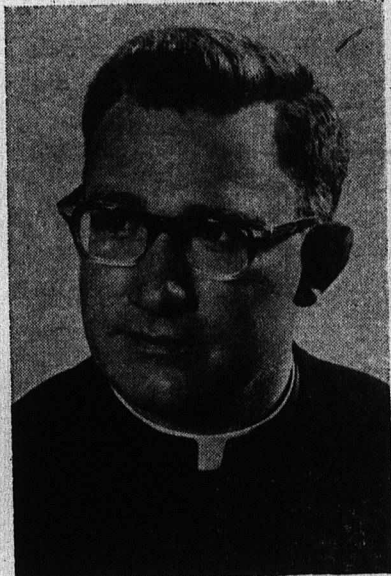
Joe Kijanski, Drexel 309

A Christmas Message

The Christmas season brings to mind both the happiness and the suffering which man must endure on this earth. As the Holy Family suffered great hardship and was filled with love and love's rewards on the birth of their Son, so we here at Saint Joseph's are witnesses to disappointments as well as a good share of accomplishments on the anniversary of that birth. As we all pray for a manifestation of Christ's love through an indefinitely prolonged Christmas truce in the Asian war, let me offer my personal prayer for the most blessed Christmas and a truly fruitful New Year to the faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends of Saint Joseph's College.

Charles Banet, C.P.S.

PRESIDENT
SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



THE VOICE OF ROYCE

By this time all the members of the student body realize that in order to get through life the important bachelor degree is necessary. Seeing different students in action for the past three years, I have discovered an "easy" schedule for getting through Saint Joe.

1. Study—but this requires a lot of work.
2. Cheat—but this also requires some work.
3. Have your dad donate \$100,000 to build a new building or bathroom or something.
4. Use your head—this requires little work and can be done in several ways.
 - a.) Give the prof some clipping dealing with his subject. If these are not readily available (and this is more than likely) bring anything at random. The prof thinks everything deals with his subject.
 - b.) Sit in front of the class. With our cut system you may be the only one there and it looks bad if you sit in the back.

- c.) Look alert and interested. Take notes eagerly. These will probably be to some young lady anyway. (Note: If you are going to look at your watch, don't shake it, or stare at it unbelievably.)
- d.) Nod your head casually and frequently. This is self-explanatory. It is always better to agree than disagree.
- e.) Laugh at his jokes. When the prof looks up from his notes unexpectedly and smiles, he has just told a joke so you laugh.
- f.) Ask any questions you know he can answer. Don't ask questions which you don't know the answer to. Odds are that you will goof up in asking it.
- g.) If you take a lot of P.E. courses, wear sweatshirts and tennis shoes, and always carry a tennis ball to squeeze diligently.

Note: If you are looking for either a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree disregard steps 2-4 and a-g. Around here you have to study.

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PUMA PRINTS

By JAMES O. SAUL

"No other sport requires so much endurance."

The speaker was not UCLA's coach Johnny Wooden talking about how much of a beating Lew Alcindor is taking from the defensive players, nor was it Alabama's "Bear" Bryant talking about how tough his "skinny little kids" are. It was Saint Joseph's Bill Jennings speaking of the sport which he knows quite a lot about—wrestling.

The Puma grapplers won their first match in four, long years of getting pinned to the mat, last Saturday at Hanover, after dropping their opener by just one point. The sudden interest in the mat sport has enabled Jennings to work with more depth and with determined and interested boys.

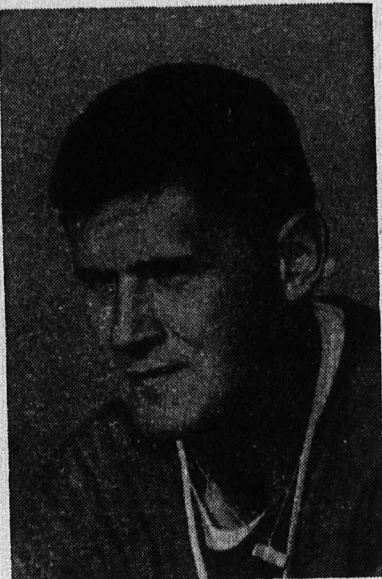
"To be a good wrestler, endurance is so important," says the personable coach, "but the old, cliched words such as guts, determination, dedication and desire are other ingredients necessary for success. Essentially, a wrestler needs a great athletic heart, and that's it in a nutshell," Jennings concludes.

Once this mental attitude is established, the emphasis is all on the physical aspect of the sport. Besides the regular calisthenics, isometrics, and running, Jennings has arranged a unique and rigorous practice schedule.

"The workouts are an hour and fifteen minutes and they are twice a day," Jennings explains. "Each person wrestles hard with a fresh opponent for 22 minutes, concentrating on technique."

The young Purdue graduate puts his matmen into situations where they attempt to neutralize their opponent's advantage. The stress is placed on the maintaining of an offensive position and, if this is impossible, the defensive techniques of escapes, reversals and counters are drilled on time and time again.

Hard work is essential in these drills and Jennings cites the team



COACH JENNINGS

members for their hustle. Dale Stewart (6-3, 215 pounds) has lost 15 pounds since the season began, and is starting to get into fine shape. The big junior from Indianapolis was last season's "Outstanding Wrestler of the Year" with a 4-1-1 mark, and this mat campaign he is off to another good start. He captained the squad against Lewis College and pinned his Hanover opponent in the next meet.

"Stewart, Jim Reidy (177 lbs.) and Mike Reynolds (191 lbs.) have excellent technique and ability along with the all-important experience," Jennings points out. "Tom Bartkus, Randy Kerhin and several others are equal in ability and desire, but they just need the match experience."

Has Jennings set a goal for his team? The enthusiastic instructor explains, "Actually, they have set their own goal, and I have to be very optimistic from watching the workouts and the hours of practice they have put in. For every minute of a regular competitive match, the wrestlers have worked for 20 minutes in practice."

There is a saying which Notre Dame's backfield coach Tom Pagna put forth at last week's athletic banquet. Pagna first saw the saying inscribed on a barn wall as he was shoveling horse manure. It read "You Become What You Do." He looked at his shovelful of manure and thought about it. He left the barn.

This is the year coach Bill Jennings, in his first year at the helm, and his hustling Saint Joseph's matmen start to "leave the barn."

Toledo Rockets Mow Saints Down; SJC Defeats Michigan Lutheran

TOLEDO, O.—Saint Joseph's College Pumas gave Toledo University a tough time the first half, but the Rockets moved away from a 33-27 halftime advantage to polish off the Saints 80-54 last Thursday.

Head coach Jim Holstein's chargers had their coldest night in a long time (.320) and were drubbed by Toledo's rebounding power during the second half.

Kenny Broussard was high man with 21 points, including 13 first-half free throws. Broussard played one of his finest floor games this season as he was instrumental in setting up plays.

DETROIT, Mich.—Saint Joseph's basketballers came from a four-point halftime deficit to bounce Michigan Lutheran by a 75-67 score.

The Pumas' second half was as good a half as Saint Joe's has played this year as they dominated the taller Lutherans on the boards, worked the fast break to perfection and rattled the hoops at a 59 percent shooting clip.

Chuck Lamm tallied 22, 14 in the crucial first half. In the second stanza, Broussard and Still joined forces with Lamm as Saint Joseph's pulled into the lead with only 1:27 having elapsed on the clock.

Pumas Tally 100-And Lose

By JIM NAGLE

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind.—Coach Jim Holstein's cagers fought, raced, and shot their way to 100 points last night but dropped a 103-100 decision to the Spartans of Manchester College here in a game marred by 47 turnovers and 50 fouls.

The Pumas' Chuck Lamm again showed continued improvement as he led the team in scoring with 28 points, gathered in eight rebounds and came through with four assists. Bill

LAMM

Biros was another pleasant surprise as he scored 21 and pulled down five rebounds.

Manchester fought its way back from a 48-46 halftime deficit and an early second half nine-point Puma lead to outscore the Saints 57-52 and rack up the victory. The Spartans upped their record to 3-5 as they dropped the Saints to an even .500 at 3-3.

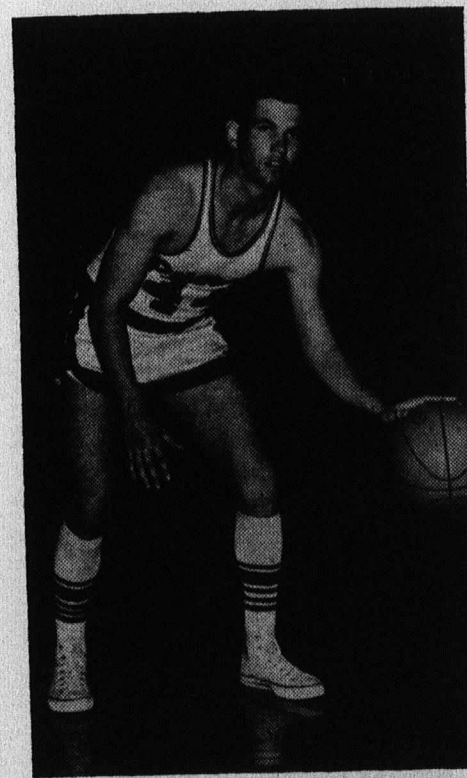
When the Spartan's All-American Dick Harris fouled out with 12:38 remaining to play in the final stanza, it seemed as if the Pumas might have the game won as they led 75-66. However, Joe Phillips and Don Egley filled the gap capably and finished the game with 34 and 16 points respectively. Harris entered the game leading Indiana scorers with a 31-point-per-game average and had tallied 17 points and had grabbed 15 rebounds when he fouled out.

The Pumas were plagued with problems throughout the second half. Ken Broussard picked up four personals within two and a half minutes and had to leave the game. The Spartans applied a full court press early in the half and before the Pumas could break it, they had fallen behind 90-81 with only eight minutes remaining in the game.

Through the efforts of Chuck Lamm, Bill Biros and Jim Still the Saints came back to within one point, 99-98, with one minute showing on the clock.

Both teams traded goals and Phillips then put the game on ice for Manchester when he hit two clutch free throws with only three seconds left.

SURPRISE!



Junior Bill Biros, starting his first varsity game, tallied 21 markers as the Saints lost to Manchester, 103-100.

Wrestlers Win First Match Of The Year

By TIM SEILER

As predicted last week by head coach Bill Jennings, the Pumas won their wrestling match from Hanover this past Saturday. The final score was 29-10, with SJC winning seven of nine matches, four on pins.

Up-and-coming sophomore Bill Murphy won his second match this season on a pin. A strong, aggressive wrestler, Bill has yet to go over three minutes in a match. Two other sophs, Bob Flak and Tom Bartkus, won 4-0 and 14-8, respectively.

Junior Denny McCann, in winning his first varsity match, pinned his man in four minutes, 25 seconds. Mike Reynolds and Dale Stewart, both juniors, also pinned their opponents. Reynolds' man no sooner got off the bench than he was pinned, in 38 seconds. Heavyweight Dale Stewart capped the afternoon by pinning his man in 2:16.

Senior Jim Reidy also won his match, going the entire distance after two disputed calls in which the official ruled that Reidy pinned the man out of bounds.

I. M. News

By JOHN SORDI

Have you been to the fieldhouse on a recent Thursday or Friday night or even a Saturday afternoon? If you have, then you know that the I.M. basketball season is starting once again. This year student interest seems to have increased, if that is really possible. Try getting a basketball court after 6 p.m. on a Friday night and you'll see what I mean. The number of teams has increased from last year's 54 to 64 for the current season—27 frosh teams and 37 from the upperclass league.

All of the teams this year will have a "new look." The I.M. department has issued reversible shirts to each team and needless to say, they are much better looking than the yellow and red scraps used in previous years. The new shirts will also make it easier on the officials and score keepers.

The freshmen have entered many strong teams which they feel will provide them with an excellent shot at the championship, but I look to the "old" veterans from the upperclass league to lead the way. The Scharf Stones, Town Torches, Halas Townies, and the Noll Pop Tops appear to be the early pre-season favorites but with so many tough teams spread throughout the various leagues anything can happen.

The I.M. free throw contest was won by Andy Johns, a freshman from West Seifert hall. Andy hit on 134 of 150 attempts.

Juniors Randy Kerhin and Bob Menard lost their matches, but Coach Jennings praised both men for their aggressive performances.

When interviewed about the match, Jennings reiterated his earlier remarks about the team's aggressiveness and desire to win. In speaking of the approaching match with Taylor, Jennings said that the team is hoping to duplicate last week's victory and that they have an "honest optimism" that they will be stronger than Taylor and therefore able to beat them.

SJC To Play Fast-Break P.U. Tonight

The nation's number one scorer last year, All-America Dave Shell-hase of Purdue, has graduated, so scratch one big worry for Puma mentor Jim Holstein when Saint Joseph's meets Purdue tonight at West Lafayette.

But that's only one worry Holstein doesn't have to worry about—he still has four or five others.

The Boilermakers are 2-1 this season, thanks only to their speed and fast-break style of play. Having to sacrifice much height in the rough Big Ten Conference, Purdue must move quickly if they are to accomplish anything.

They are led by captain Henry Ebershoff, a 6-1 guard averaging 18.3 points per game. He has improved steadily each game and has scored 14, 17 and 24 points in that order.

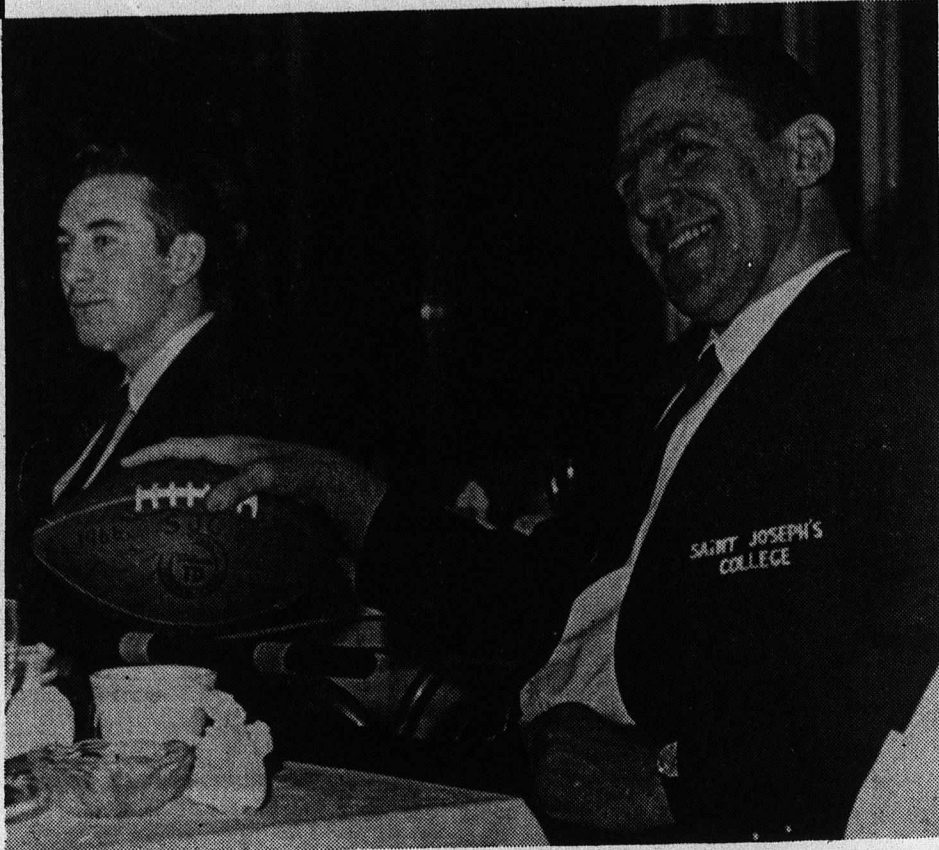
Herm Gilliam is the team's top shooter with a .447 percentage and has an even 17-point average for the year. He is followed by sophomore, former "Mr. Basketball" of 1965, Bill Keller from Indianapolis Washington, who is tallying just over 14 a game.

Perhaps the surprise of the year for head coach George King is the fact that their 6-5 center, sophomore Roger Blalock, has been developing rapidly as a strong scorer and rebounder. Last weekend against Butler's fine All-ICC center Ed Schilling, Blalock scored 17 and crawled the boards for 18 retrieves.

Another "Mr. Basketball" (1964) from Lafayette Central, Denny Brady, is perhaps the best shot on the team when healthy. Brady has had ankle and hand injuries so far but is capable of breaking a game wide open with his outside shooting.

This will be the second game between the two schools. The last one was played on December 6, 1940, and the Boilermakers won, 42-35.

The Pigskin Party



The man smiles and holds the memento presented to him by an appreciative team. The man is coach James Arneberg and the football, autographed by the members of the 1966 Puma football team, was given to him along with a wristwatch at the Pigskin Party last Sunday.



Mike Baum, president of the Ohio Club presents Duffy Hagist with the Ohio Club's trophy presented annually, to the Most Valuable Player of the Puma squad. At the same banquet Mike Sheahan was awarded the trophy for the Most Valuable Offensive Player and Jesse Taggart received the trophy for the Most Valuable Defensive Player.

Circular File

By RANDY FERRARI

The basketball season is now really underway with the last regular season football games completed on the college level. The big news in the hoop world is the young giant from U.C.L.A., Lew Alcindor. Big Lew made a spectacular debut as could be expected by hitting over the half century mark in his first game as a collegian. Pro scouts are licking their chops. Wilt Chamberlain made the comment that Lew's high school coach hindered the big center's development by not permitting him to play in the New York sandlot games. In the summer months some real hot action with big name stars occurs in these games. Well, I'm sure a big time schedule such as U.C.L.A. plays will compensate. Lew looks like a fast learner.

In the N.F.L., it looks as though Dallas and St. Louis want to make a race out of it. St. Louis, with a real chance to move on the Cowboys, could scrounge only 10 points off the fledgling Atlanta Falcons. Well, anyway, the "Pack" will crush the Eastern entry no matter who it might be. Overheard recently was a state-

ment that if the Bears want to win, they should insert Gale Sayers at quarterback. He sure would be a marvelous scrambler. From this reporter's view, the "Monsters of the Midway" better trade for or draft a quarterback. I wonder how Sid Luckman's legs are? Naw, I don't want to give George Halas any ideas.

Elsewhere in sports, the New York Rangers are becoming the surprise of the winter. The "Broadway Blues" are rekindling their fans' hope for a Stanley Cup. It's been a long drought for the Ranger fans.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to the
STUDENTS AND FACULTY
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Store for Men

Some Fine Actors On A Slow Night

By PHIL DEAVER

"The Glass Menagerie," a Tennessee Williams play presented in the Saint Joseph's College auditorium Saturday evening by the Indiana Theatre Company, is thought to have been a dramatization by the author of his own tragic home situation in St. Louis in the early 1930's. And it is further widely accepted that for all practical purposes, the narrator of the play who sets the scene and tells the story is Mr. Williams himself.

Consequently, when Tom Wingfield, alias Tennessee Williams, alias Thomas King of the Indiana Company stepped on to the stage to open the play, there were several objectives before him. The beauty of the play is that the author, who is emotionally attached to the characters he is about to present, reflects that emotional attachment and at the same time reveals the characters objectively. The part of the narrator is immensely important. His words set the mood of the play, which is all-important to its success. Although Mr. King did a commendable job most of the time, his first appearance upon stage was not such.

He talked too fast and the audience didn't follow him. Shoes continued to shuffle on the scratchy concrete floor and voices continued to murmur. It took three actors seven minutes to capture the audience. Only when Tom Wingfield lashed out at his mother, his voice booming into the audience with, "I'm going to the movies," was there any sign that the audience was with them. Undoubtedly, Mr. Williams' design for the play was that it take hold of the audience in those first moments, when the narrator lit his cigarette on the darkened stage and began to speak. Of course, some audiences are harder to perform before than others.

After the slow opening passed, aside from several uncomfortable moments when timing seemed off and the effectiveness of the narrator's cigarette smoking became stagnant, the play progressed well. Pat Speckhard, playing the part of Amanda Wingfield, the mother, raged and scolded beautifully, and yet miraculously emerged leaving the impression of a simple-minded but loving mother in a terrifying situation. Her line "You're just a Christian martyr, that's what you are," needed work however. After hearing it once, one found himself dreading it when it became evident that it was coming again. Laura, played by Elizabeth Cassidy, was also portrayed well. And when the dreaded gentleman caller finally arrived, the audience vividly rose and fell with Laura, feeling her frustration and, at the last, her crushing defeat.

Upon the arrival of the gentleman caller, played by Dewey McDonald, the play assumed the mood it should

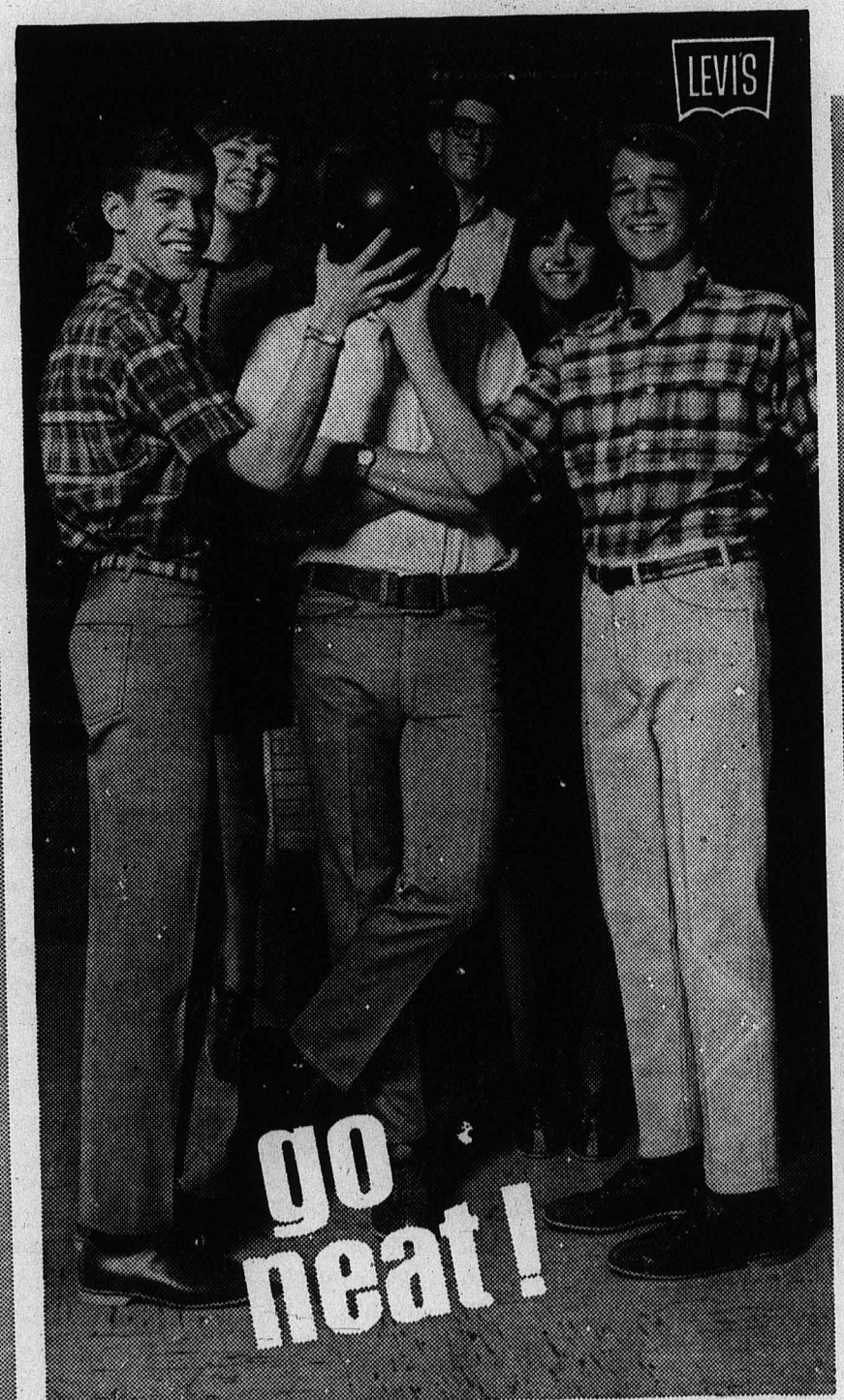
have had all along. All of a sudden the audience felt the tragedy looming. The play became crisp, and everyone in the auditorium and on the stage moved together in step toward the end. The inclination is to view the

production as a slow night for some good actors. Happily, the highpoints of the play were enough to please the audience, and to cause them to forget the low-points. As Williams himself said, "nowadays the world is lit by lightning."



Tom Wingfield tolerates his mother's incessant criticism in a scene from Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" staged last Saturday by the I. U. Touring Company.

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